

Newsletter

June 2023



Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors,

Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year. Hopefully, the nicer weather will continue and enable us to run our planned sports day events without any cancellations. Of course, the British weather is not always predictable so if we do need to reschedule events, we will try and give advanced notice when possible.

With the weather being so nice and warm, please remember to send your child with a drinks bottle, sun hat and suncream. We do make use of the outside space as much as possible but will have to limit this in warmer weather if children do not have suitable protection from the sun.

The children have continued to respond well to our new behaviour system, introduced in January, and have particularly enjoyed the new whole school treats/rewards added to our prize wheel. Thank you to the Pupil Voice committee for coming up with these fabulous ideas. We have also increased the number of times 'gunge an adult' appears on the wheel as we know the children really want to land on that (the staff, not so much!)

Mr Horton.

INSET Day- Friday 16th June

As a reminder, school will be closed to all pupils on Friday 16th June for our final staff INSET day of the year. Teachers will be using this time to finalise their end of year assessments and write reports which will be sent out on Friday 14th July.

Multiplication and Phonics Checks

Both Year 4 and Year 1 have had a busy week this week as they have completed their respective assessments. Year 4 have undertaken the Multiplication Check while Year 1 (and some Year 2 pupils) have completed the Phonics Screening assessment. I know from the staff delivering these assessments that there have been some pleasing results. Parents will receive individual results from these assessments with their child's end of year report. Parents in Year 2 and Year 6 will also receive details of their child's end of Key Stage assessments/tests with their end of year report.

Staffing Changes

Mr Murtagh has been successful in securing a new teaching role at another local school and will leave Oulton at the end of the school year. We wish him the best of luck in his new school and we know that he will be missed by the children. We are currently recruiting for a new teacher to start in September 2023. Once we have appointed, I will introduce our new member of staff. We also wish Mrs Brookes the best of luck as she commences her maternity leave just as we return from the summer break. We look forward to meeting her new baby when it arrives!

On the last day before the May holidays, we said goodbye to Mrs Jennings. Mrs Jennings had been working with us since September as an additional teacher providing 1-1 and small group tuition. This was funded through the schools National Tutoring Grant which was awarded to help narrow learning gaps after Covid. Mrs Jennings was a fantastic addition to the team and her input was a huge help to support pupils across the school.

SATS

Well done to all of our Year 6 and Year 2 children who took part in the statutory SATS tests during May. As a school, we try not to make this a daunting and high-pressure time of year but we know that pupils can sometimes worry about the process. The children all came with a very positive attitude and a smile each day. They are all a credit to the



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school and have worked incredibly hard over the last year. Both year groups received a visit from the ice-cream van to say well done!

New Arrival

Miss Ruddock, who works as a TA in school, has welcomed baby Martha-Rose to her family just before the school holidays. Both mum and baby are doing well.

Health and Safety/Safeguarding Audit

We had a very busy week after the holidays with both a 2-day Health and Safety audit and a 1-day Safeguarding Audit. These were both conducted by the local authority. These both went well and we received lots of positive feedback. A few small areas of improvement were identified (most have which has already been actioned) which will further strengthen our practice across both of these important areas.

POPS Disco

Thank you to POPS for organising and running the school disco yesterday. The children really enjoyed themselves dancing and playing games, despite the heat. A huge thank you to all the staff who also supported by volunteering and who helped with the administration of the disco.

Events and visitors

We have had a busy month with lots of visitors and trips. Today, we had a whole school visit from Jenny Young, an author who came to talk to the children about being an author and her books. Also, this week, Miss James took a group of Year 5/6 girls to a cricket competition. Miss James was approached by one of the officials afterwards to say how well the children had played, how they had shown superb sportsmanship and been a credit to the school; fantastic work!

Year 5 and 6 have had a visit from Yorkshire Air Ambulance who set up their mobile teaching space on site - the children even had a go at flying the air ambulance simulator. As a school, we celebrated the King's coronation and held a whole school street party; unfortunately, this was inside due to the weather but the pupils still had a really enjoyable time. Some children said it was the best day they had ever had at school!

This term, Year 1 and 2 have also enjoyed a trip to the railway museum in York and Year 3 visited Legoland. Again, they were all a credit to our school.

Upcoming Events

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| 16 th June | School Closed - Training Day #5 |
| 26 th June | KS1 - Sports Day: PM (2.15pm) |
| 27 th June | Lower KS2 - Sports Day: PM (1.20pm) |
| 28 th June | Upper KS2 - Sports Day: PM (1.20pm) |
| 29 th June | Nursery and Reception (EYFS)- Sports Day: PM (2.15pm) |
| 10 th July | Y6 Production (PM Performance) 2.00pm (Doors open 1.45pm) |
| 12 th July | EYFS - Parent Transition Meeting |
| 13 th July | Y6 Production (Evening Performance) 6.30pm (Doors open 6pm) |
| 14 th July | School reports to parents/carers |
| 14 th July | KS1 - Parents Transition Meeting (3.30pm) |
| 17 th July | Lower KS2 - Parents Transition Meeting (3.30pm) |
| 18 th July | Upper KS2 - Parent Transition Meeting (3.30pm) |
| 19 th July | Transition Day 1 - Whole School |
| 20 th July | Transition Day 2 - Whole School |
| 25 th July | Last day of term for Pupils- School closes at 1.30pm |



School calendar year 2023-2024

| Holiday | Schools close | | | Schools open | | |
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| Summer break | | | | Monday | 4 September | 2023 |
| Autumn mid-term | Friday | 27 October | 2023 | Monday | 6 November | 2023 |
| Christmas break | Friday | 22 December | 2023 | Tuesday | 8 January | 2024 |
| Spring mid-term | Friday | 9 February | 2024 | Monday | 19 February | 2024 |
| Easter break | Thursday | 28 March | 2024 | Monday | 15 April | 2024 |
| May Bank Holiday | Friday | 3 May | 2024 | Tuesday | 7 May | 2024 |
| Summer mid-term | Friday | 24 May | 2024 | Monday | 3 June | 2024 |
| Summer break | Tuesday | 23 July | 2024 | | | |

Term length

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| Autumn | 75 days |
| Spring | 54 days |
| Summer | 66 days |
| Total | 195 days |

Bank Holidays include

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| Christmas | 25 & 26 | December | 2023 |
| New Year's Day | 1 | January | 2024 |
| Good Friday | 29 | March | 2024 |
| Easter Monday | 1 | April | 2024 |
| May Day | 6 | May | 2024 |
| Spring Bank | 27 | May | 2024 |
| August | 28 | August | 2024 |

Oulton Primary School INSET Days

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| INSET 1 | Monday 4 th September 2023 |
| INSET 2 | Monday 2 nd October 2023 |
| INSET 3 | Friday 1 st December 2023 |
| INSET 4 | Monday 19 th February 2024 |
| INSET 5 | Friday 21 st June 2024 |